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SUBJ: DIETMEN PLAN TO LOBBY SENATE FOR UN UNIVERSITY

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SUMMARY: LDP DIETMEN BRIEFED AMBASSADOR ON THEIR SLECTION
BY LARGE GROUP OF DIETMEN TO VISIT US SEPTEMBER 23-26 TO
URGE SENATE RECONSIDER DENIAL OF FUNDS TO UN UNIVERSITY
PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. LDP DIET MEMBERS YOHEI KONO AND KAZUHISA ARITA CALLED
ON AMBASSADOR EARLY ON AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 19 TO TELL HIM
THEY HAD BEEN SELECTED BY SUPRA-PARTY DIET GROUP TO GO TO
WASHINGTON AND ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE SENATE TO RESTORE
\$25 MILLION APPROPRIATION FOR UN UNIVERSITY (UNU).

2. KONO, AN INFLUENTIAL YOUNG LDP MEMBER OF LOWER HOUSE,
HEADS "UNU DISCUSSION GROUP" WITHIN DIET, AND AD HOC LEAGUE
OF MORE THAN 250 (OF 700 PLUS) DIETMEN DRAWN FROM ALL
PARTIES. ARITA IS FIRST-TERM UPPER HOUSE MEMBER FROM FUKUOKA.
KONO AND ARITA PLAN TO ENLISH DIETMEN HIDEO DEN AND TAMIO
KAWAKAMI, NOW VISITING US AS MEMBER OS SOCIALIST PARTY
MISSION HEADED BY SABURO EDA, IN JOING APPROACH TO KEY
SENATORS.

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3. KONO AND ARITA WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGGTON ON EVENING
OF SEPTEMBER 23. PRESS OF DIET BUSINESS COMPELS THEM TO
LEAVE NLT SEPTEMBER 26, AND THEY ARE THUS VERY CONCERNED
TO MAKE BEST USE OF THEIR TIME.

4. THEY EXPECT TO REPLY ON JAPANESE EMBASSY FOR HELP IN
MAKING APPOINTMENTS, ETC. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE
WOULD ADVISE ASST SECRETARY HABIB OF THEIR MISSION AND THAT
HE BELIEVED THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP IF NEED
BE. HE ALSO MENTIONED AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AND ASST SECRETARY
RICHARDSON AS TWO PEOPLE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ESPECIALLY
INTERESTED IN THE UNU.

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